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News Brief

Town hall meeting

A Rhein-Main Town Hall meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. April 26 at the base theater.

Submit any questions or concerns for the meeting to pa@rheinmain.af.mil.

Spring cleanup

The Rhein-Main Spring Cleanup is set for Wednesday and Thursday.

Main base cleanup will be Wednesday and building managers should follow Combat Proud checklists. Supplies can be picked up at the Self-Help Store in Bldg. 84.

The Gateway Gardens portion of cleanup is set for 9 a.m. Thursday. Residents should clean stairwells, sweep out carports and check dumpster enclosures. Residents need to clean 50-feet out from their buildings.



Photo by Master Sgt. Will Ackerman

Betsi Rymer, physical education teacher at Lakenheath Middle School, and Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, commander, U. S. Air Forces Europe, hold newly-signed copies of the school's Junior Wingman cards. Ms. Rymer started the Junior Wingman program at the school for students to look after each other, patterned on the USAFE Combat Wingman program, which encourages all USAFE members to connect and help care for each other. General Foglesong visited with Ms. Rymer March 28 to thank her for extending the Wingman concept to the Lakenheath students.

USAFE names annual award nominees

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – U.S. Air Forces in Europe's outstanding Airmen and civilians will be honored during the command's Annual Awards Banquet 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Ramstein Air Base Officers' Club.

Competing in the categories of Airmen, Noncommissioned Officer, Senior NCO, Company Grade Officer, First Sergeant of the Year and Civilian – Categories I and II, the 21 nominees from Headquarters USAFE, 3rd Air Force and 16th Air Force are:

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Stepping up to the Combat Wingman Challenge

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

A few months ago I challenged all of U.S. Air Forces in Europe to take part in our new program, Combat Wingman. You took the challenge head-on and today we have a highly successful program that's making a difference.

Our initial plan was to partner our most valuable resources, our people, with one another in sacred contracts that practiced Wingman consideration — an attitude of caring and looking out for each other.

As we mentioned during the program's inception, caring for our

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Around the Force

Acting secretary

With the resignation of Peter Teets, former acting secretary of the Air Force, Michael Dominguez is the new acting secretary.

Mr. Dominguez also serves as the assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs. He entered government service in 1983 as a program analyst on the staff in the defense secretary's program analysis and evaluation office. He entered the Senior Executive Service in 1991.

After graduating in 1975 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., he was commissioned an Army second lieutenant. He left the military in 1980.

(Courtesy of Air Force News Service)

Living wills

The Terry Schiavo saga has both captured and divided the nation as moral and legal questions have been raised over the right to live or die. While many people remain at odds over the underlying issues, most agree on one topic — the importance of living wills.

A living will is a legal document that expresses a person's personal health-care wishes in the event he or she is unable

to make decisions.

There is no federal standard for living wills, so many states have developed their own format. Texas, for example, has two documents, both referred to as living wills. One is a directive to physicians, and the other is a special power of attorney for health care. The first expresses the patient's personal desires in advance, and the other designates a "decision-maker" who would decide on the measures taken to preserve life at a later time.

Other states have just one document. And, in some states, organ donation is included in living wills, while the choice to donate is designated through the driver's license system in others.

Any military legal assistance office can prepare living wills free of charge to active-duty servicemembers, family members, retirees and reservists on active duty for 30 or more days.

(Courtesy of AFNS)

EQUAL out

The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for people returning from overseas and for stateside Airmen who must move

from August through October will be available Tuesday.

Airmen need to work through their military personnel flight or commander's support staff to update their preferences by April 29. Deployed people must work with their personnel representatives to update assignment preferences. Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-May, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

People can see the list by logging into the restricted Assignment Management System at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm>.

(Courtesy of AFNS)

ASCM update

All personnel assigned to the 469th Air Base Group from June 11, 1999, until a date-to-be-determined are eligible for the award of the initial Air and Space Campaign Medal for support of Operation JOINT GUARDIAN, according to a memorandum signed recently by Col. Brad Denison, 469th ABG commander.

For more information, call the commander's support staff at 330-7448.

(Staff report)

Commander recognizes Hidden Heroes

Col. Brad Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander, recognized two members of the Rhein-Main community as Hidden Heroes and presented them with coins and certificates during a Hail and Farewell Ceremony April 1 at the Rocket Bowling Center.

The Hidden Heroes are Rebecca Wilkinson, wife of Maj. Kim Wilkinson, 469th ABG Clinic, and Rhonda Gregorek, wife of Staff Sgt. Steven Gregorek, 469th ABG Fire Department.

Mrs. Wilkinson has been active with the Rhein-Main Community Spouses Club, serving as the program's chairperson. She is also responsible for organizing trips, dinners, activities and scholarships.

She has spent many hours working with children in the Rhein-Main community and

in her church community. She has also worked with the family support center in the organizing and running of the co-op preschool.

Mrs. Gregorek has been a leader in the Rhein-Main Cub Scouts Organization as committee chairperson. She's also organized several scout activities to include trips, dinners, a pinewood derby and training for scout leaders.

She also donated snacks and backed goods to the USO and base chapel for transient troops.

Also an active member of the CSC, Mrs. Gregorek help increased the club's membership from 33 to 80 members.

(Staff report)



(Left to right) Col. Brad Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander, poses with Hidden Heroes award winners Rebecca Wilkinson and Rhonda Gregorek at the Hail and Farewell Ceremony April 1 at the Rocket Bowling center.



Look what I found

(Above) Alex (left) and Brianna Crisp, daughters of Tech. Sgt. Darren and Michelle Crisp, 469th Air Base Group Clinic, check to see what goodies they've acquired during the Rhein-Main Easter Egg Scramble sponsored by the youth center March 26 in Gateway Gardens. More than 100 children took part in the final Easter egg hunt in the base's history. (Right) Staff Sgt. Susana Lowrey, 469th ABG Clinic, and her daughter Daniella, fill an Easter basket. Slips of paper hidden inside many of the plastic eggs could be redeemed for prizes.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

WINGMAN, from Page 1

Wingmen is a timeless tradition among Airmen. Our aviators fly with their Wingmen "checking their six" and today USAFE military, civilians and family members have adopted the same tradition and carry Combat Wingman cards symbolizing their commitment to each other.

Royal Air Force Lakenheath Middle School recently started a Junior Wingman program on March 25 modeled after the USAFE program. Under the innovative guidance of Physical Education teacher Betsi Rymer, they now have all 685 students at the school carrying their own Junior Wingman cards.

The students are asked to check in with their Wingmen at least once a day. Besides checking in on each other, Wingmen at the middle school help others with homework. I'm thrilled and amazed to see our USAFE youth adopting this program!

The Combat Wingman program continues to grow, especially as we enter the spring and summer assignment seasons and new members to the USAFE team will need all our help. Our challenge is not only to welcome them to our team, but to also practice that Wingman consideration by

Wingman Fitness Challenge

The 469th Air Base Group Clinic has challenged group members and their Wingmen to weigh in and lose extra pounds.

Registration and weigh ins took place Monday and Wednesday at the base fitness center.

For the next six weeks, Airmen and their Wingmen will weigh in Wednesdays or Fridays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the fitness center. A weigh-in log will be maintained at the fitness center.

The clinic staff will conduct a nutrition seminar at 3 p.m. April 19 in the clinic conference room. The seminar will focus on portion sizes, hidden fats and low fat vs. no fat. Maj. Rose Bell and Staff Sgt. Tracie Lawrence will assist participants with diet plans and nutritional counseling.

For more information, call 330-4241.



helping them tackle any personal and professional challenges they might face.

I want to thank each of you for your help launching Combat Wingman. Let's maintain our Wingman momentum. Combat Wingman — keep checking in!

Integrity

What does it mean to you?

Integrity.

We hear this word used on an almost daily basis. Our top leaders constantly emphasize integrity and the need for it in our professional and private lives. So, why is it so important?

It doesn't matter who you are, from the highest ranking general or civilian employee to the lowest-level supervisor who favors certain subordinates when it comes to work assignments or awards, lack of integrity for any reason, isn't acceptable.

Perhaps they felt integrity did not apply to them. But, in fact it does.

Integrity applies to all of us, all the time, on or off duty and it's manifested in our value system and our way of life.

We've all heard through casual conversations the stories of people who have fallen short of the mark. Sometimes these people are the last you would expect to "fall from grace".

We as leaders and members of the Air Force must not only talk-the-talk, but walk-the-walk.

One of our Air Force core values is "Integrity First". Actually, it's the

first core value listed. There's a good reason for it being listed first.

Integrity drives our decisions and actions – day in and day out. As the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers said to a group of ROTC cadets recently — "Integrity is central to what we do".

We count on each other to get the job done. We count on the fire department to know what to do when there's an accident or emergency. We count on security forces to protect us and our families.

We look to our commanders for leadership, integrity and to make the right decisions.

We look towards our supervisors for guidance and help – knowing and expecting they will

do the right thing.

In doing so we expect each person to conduct themselves with the highest degree of integrity. And we should expect no less.

I challenge each and everyone of you to reflect on what integrity means to you, embrace our core values and practice them in your daily lives.

I'm truly honored to be a part of the greatest air and space force in the world, as should you.



By Raymond Rabatin
469th Air Base Group
Logistics Flight

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The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.

The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.

If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.

Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.

The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf. If you have any questions, call Public Affairs.



Col. Bradley Denison
Commander, 469th Air Base Group

330-7779

the *Galeway*

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The deadline for the April 22 edition of the Galeway is 4 p.m. April 14.

Warriors of the Week



Staff Sgt. Chad Turner

Unit: 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (deployed from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.)

Time in Air Force: 5 years

Time at Rhein-Main: 2 months

Duty Title: Special operations instructor - airdrop load master

Hometown: Elmore City, Okla.

Hobbies: Fitness.

What has been your best Air Force experience?

Being able to be with a great group of professionals.

362nd AEG (deployed)



Staff Sgt. Keelan Rasmusson

Unit: 362nd Air Expeditionary Group (deployed from Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.)

Time in Air Force: 7.5 years

Time at Rhein-Main: 3 months

Duty Title: Financial analyst

Hometown: Mandan, N.D.

Hobbies: Hunting, skiing and golf.

What has been your best Air Force experience?

Deploying to Germany and having the opportunity to experience the culture.

AWARDS, from Page 1

Headquarters USAFE:

Airman: Senior Airman Rachelle A. Cooper, USAFE Air Forces Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

NCO: Tech. Sgt. Scotty A. Browning, USAFE Logistics, Ramstein AB

Senior NCO: Senior Master Sgt. Donald O. Bumpers, USAFE Air and Space Operations, Ramstein AB

1st Sgt: Master Sgt. Michael L. Freund, USAFE Communications and Information, Ramstein AB

Civilian Category I: Cynthia L. Anderson, USAFE Air and Space Operations, Ramstein AB

Civilian Category II: Michael E. Rindfleisch, USAFE AFEUR, Ramstein AB

CGO: Maj. Uduak I. Udoaka, USAFE Command Section, Ramstein AB

3rd Air Force:

Airman: Senior Airman William A. Strauss, 435th Civil Engineer Squadron, Ramstein AB

NCO: Tech. Sgt. Jason R. Theriault, 52nd CES, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Douglas C. Isaacks, 56th Rescue Squadron, Keflavik Naval Air Station, Iceland

1st Sgt: Master Sgt. Steven L. Conners, 435th Medical Squadron, Ramstein AB

Civilian Category I: James G. McLaren, Staff Judge Advocate, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England

Civilian Category II: Timothy D. Neu, 735th CES, Ramstein AB

CGO: Capt. Lisa M. Mabbutt, 52nd CES, Spangdahlem AB

16th Air Force:

Airman: Senior Airman Rebecca J. Baker, 31st Maintenance Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy

NCO: Staff Sgt. Tina K. Jones, 31st Operations Support Squadron, Aviano AB

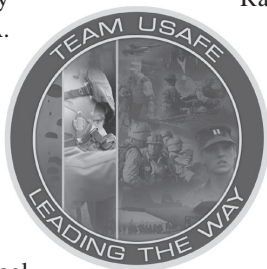
Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Donald P. Colbert, Air Traffic Control and Air Space Management, Aviano AB

1st Sgt.: Master Sgt. Dennis L. Wingett Jr., 39th Communications Squadron, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

Civilian Category I: Nerissa K. Atkisson, 39th Services Squadron, Incirlik AB

Civilian Category II: Robert W. Newman, Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory, Aviano AB

CGO: Capt. Kevin J. Osborne, 31st CES, Aviano AB



Wingman S



(Above) Staff Sgt. Steven Gregorek, 469th Air Base Group Fire Department, lets it fly during the "Last man standing dodge ball game" as teammate Chris Kammermeier keeps an eye on the enemy. (Right) Tech. Sgt. Brian McHugh, 469th ABG Communications Flight, returns the ball as Master Sgt. Tim Anderson, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, looks on during the doubles racquetball tourney.



The winners are:

Basketball

Senior Airman Michael Baab and Staff Sgt. Derek Kelly (469th ABG Services Flight)

Racquetball

Tech. Sgt. Andre Dean and Lt. Col. Guy Parker (469th ABG)

Bar hang

Senior Airman Ted Braxton and Staff Sgt. Jamal Rahmon (469th ABG Communications Flight)

Wallyball

Tech. Sgt. Elpidio Abaya, Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Audet and Staff Sgt. William Keys, (2nd Air Postal Squadron Det. 1)

Mannequin drag relay

Airman 1st Class Brandon Cunningham, Staff Sgt. Bryan Driscoll, Staff Sgt. Darren Plogger, Airman 1st Class Gabriel Villanueva and Staff Sgt. Brent Watkins (469th ABG Civil Engineer Flight)

Closest to the pin

Airman 1st Class Michael Cappola and Staff Sgt. Scott Doeppke (469th ABG Security Forces Flight)

Tug of war

Airman 1st Class Brandon Cunningham, Tech. Sgt. Clifton Garner, Tech. Sgt. Sergio Gil, Tech. Sgt. Chris Kammermeier and Staff Sgt. Brent Watkins (469th ABG CE)

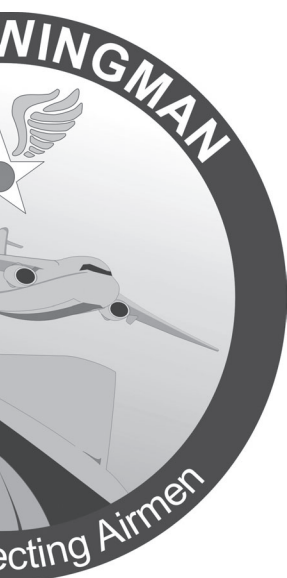


Wingman relay

Women's team – Airman 1st Class Brandy Hutchison and Staff Sgt. Andrea Roach / Men's team – Airman 1st Class Michael Cappola and Tech. Sgt. Thomas Hall / Co-ed team – 1st Lt. Steve Wick and 1st Lt. Julie Skluzacek / Over 40 team – Col. Steven Arquette and Lt. Col. Jeffrey Hupy



Sports Day



(Far left) Tech. Sgt. Thomas Hall, 469th ABG Clinic, takes his best cut during the closest-to-the-pin competition. (Left) Airman 1st Class Daniel Brown, 726th AMS, Maj. Kevin Wilkinson, 469th ABG Legal Office, Staff Sgt. Rachel Gardner and Staff Sgt. Kristin Farmer, both from the 469th ABG Finance Office, give it their all during the tug of war.



(Left) Maj. Shawn Moore, 469th ABG Civil Engineer Flight, takes the ball to the hoop against Staff Sgt. Mark Cave, 469th ABG Legal Office. (Above) Staff Sgt. Jamal Rahmon, 469th ABG Communications Flight, puts his all into the mannequin drag relay under the watchful eye of teammate Tech. Sgt. Dustin Ruland.

**Photos by
Airman 1st Class
Eric Donner**



Closure Corner

This section is devoted to giving the Rhein-Main Community the most up-to-date information concerning base closure issues. All dates presented in this section are subject to change based on: manpower figures, personnel assignment information and ongoing U.S. Air Forces in Europe coordination.

Q: How long will transition assistance classes be offered by the family support center?

A: The last transition assistance program class will be in May.

Q: When will spouse tuition assistance be stopped?

A: As long as there are spouses who want to take classes and classes are available, spouse tuition assistance will be available. The Rhein-Main Education Office closes June 1. After this time the FSC can help fax requests to Ramstein.

Q: How will the drawdown affect communications and telephone service?

A: Official DSN telephone and network service will be terminated Nov. 20. TELEKOM service can be retained through a member's PCS date.

Q: Will residents in base housing keep their home telephone numbers?

A: Yes, but members should cancel their telephone service at least 30 days before they PCS.

Q: Where can people go to cancel their telephone services?

A: Personnel must go to the TELEKOM office in the Neu-Isenberg Mall or to the office closest to their home to cancel telephone or network service.

Q: How will official business be conducted when DSN communications are shut off?

A: Official business will be conducted with cellular telephones and land mobile radios.

Q: Can I automatically defer my Consecutive Overseas Tour leave?

A: Members who must travel through the CONUS on the way to a new permanent duty station are expected to use the COT leave entitlement enroute. If the member is unable to use the COT leave due to mission reasons, the losing commander may grant a deferment of COT leave. Members are considered traveling through the CONUS if they pass across, over or through the CONUS. Members traveling through the CONUS are required to obtain approval for COT leave deferment from their losing commander. Members not travelling through the CONUS to their new duty station do not have to obtain the losing commander's permission for COT leave deferment.

Q: For how long can I defer COT leave?

A: Due to recent changes in regulations, members can now defer COT leave for the length of the next tour.

Q: Are there any type of closure items I can purchase?

A: The 469th Air Base Group has Rhein-Main closure coins on sale for \$10 and coffee mugs for \$12.

New program aims to improve moving process

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Full replacement value for lost or damaged items is among several changes taking effect in October as part of a new program called "Families First" which aims to improve the moving process for military families.

"We're going to have a lot of happier campers because they are not going to be losing any money out of their pockets like they did before," said Cullen Hutchinson of the passenger and personal property office at the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command in Alexandria, Va.

Under the current claims process, servicemembers only receive a depreciated value for property that is lost or damaged, he said.

For example, a \$200 television that is lost or damaged might only be valued at \$100 after depreciation, he said.

With Families First, he said, "the carrier will either replace the television with a similar one or reimburse the servicemember the full cost of a new one."

Another benefit of the program is that servicemembers will now deal directly with the carrier to arrange direct delivery of

household goods, thus alleviating the need for temporary storage, he said.

He said direct delivery will also save the services money now spent for temporary storage.

In Families First, servicemembers will file settlement claims directly with the carrier, using a Web-based claim-filing process.

"There will not be a middle man; the servicemember will be able to address the carrier directly on the issue (he or she has)," he said. "And the carrier will have an incentive to take care of that servicemember in a positive way."

He said efforts like Families First should help improve the quality of service in the military moving industry that carries household goods of more than 500,000 servicemembers and their families each year.

He said problems in the moving industry have plagued the services for years, and that efforts to improve the moving process have been ongoing since 1994, starting with re-engineering of the household goods process.

"What we're trying to do is reduce that stress for our servicemembers so they can concentrate on more important things and not worry about (their things)," he said.

Rhein-Main blotter

compiled by Senior Airman David Day



Feb. 16 – An individual reported he was assaulted while in the red light district of Frankfurt. He said he was approached by an unknown individual and sprayed in the face with Mace. The individual stole his wallet and took off. The victim was blinded and walked around until he found members of the Polizei. The Polizei helped him make a report. The victim declined medical attention.

March 10 – Base exchange officials reported an individual suspected of using another person's Military Star Card. The individual purchased gas coupons and a video game with the card. Patrols advised the individual he was being detained for suspicion of credit card fraud.

March 11 – Base firefighters and security forces personnel responded to a fire in Gateway Gardens. Firefighters determined the cause of the fire to be an electrical overload. Two government-issued chairs and one government-issued lamp were damaged and the apartment suffered severe smoke damage.

March 15 – A female called the law enforcement desk to report a verbal altercation between herself and her spouse. Security forces personnel responded, detained the suspect and transported him to the LE desk. The suspect was advised of his rights for suspected violation of Article 117 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Provoking Speeches or Gestures.

March 20 – A patrol reported finding vandalism on a building in Gateway Gardens. The spray-painted graffiti included profanity. Photos were taken of the graffiti and an investigation is ongoing.

March 21 – An individual reported he lost his wallet while traveling in Köln. His wallet contained his Common Access Card ID card, VISA check card, and other miscellaneous items.

March 22 – An individual reported she had her wallet and camera stolen from her purse while on a train in Munich. The victim said although she didn't witness anyone take the items, she suspects two males who were sitting next to her on the train.

ting next to her on the train.

March 22 – An individual reported an unknown person entered her apartment unlawfully in the early morning hours. The victim said she woke up because her dog was barking. When she got up, she saw the unknown male standing near the entrance door to her apartment. He said he was trying to go to an upstairs apartment and left.

March 24 – A WISAG security guard reported an individual who became belligerent and would not present their ID card at Gate 6 prior to entry to the base. Patrols responded and found the suspect to be intoxicated. The suspect declined legal counsel and refused to make a written statement.

March 25 – Army and Air Force Exchange Service personnel reported they had witnessed an individual conceal two packages of Twinkies snack cakes. The suspect was observed via a security camera. The suspect was detained for shoplifting and advised of his rights under the 5th Amendment. AAFES issued a preliminary revocation letter.

DUI/DWI Tracker

Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)

469th Air Base Group
176 days
726th Air Mobility Squadron
59 days
64th Replacement Company
324 days

Tenant Units
108 days
Others
251 days

The 469th ABG Top IV provides a

fund at the main gate for permanent party personnel who take a taxi back to the base instead of driving while intoxicated.

The money used must be reimbursed the next duty day.

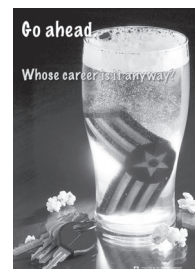




Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Summers

Having a ball

Master Sgt. Guy Wells, 469th Air Base Group Communications Flight, looks for a strike during the Team Rhein-Main Bowling Tournament April 1 at the Rocket Bowling Center. More than 75 people took part in the event. The top scorer of the tournament was Staff Sgt. Tim Hall, 469th ABG Finance Flight, with a 250 game. The winning foursome, representing the 469th ABG Civil Engineer Flight, included Master Sgt. Donald Anderson, Tech. Sgt. David Gallagher, Thomas Hampton and Master Sgt. John Smith. The team totaled 1,739 pins.

Sports briefs

Volleyball results

Following are results from recent action:

■ Tuesday

Det. 3 def. Marines 26-24, 19-25, 15-9

Med. Flight def. PAE B 25-23, 25-11,

Consulate def. 726 B 25-15, 25-14

■ Wednesday

SC def. SFS 25-15, 26-11

CE def. PAE A 25-21, 25-20

Det. 1 def. 726 A 25-23, 24-26, 10-15

Racquetball championship

The 2005 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Racquetball Championship is set for May 13-16 at Ramstein.

There is no entry fee for this tournament and prizes will go to the top two finishers in each category. The tourney is open to all U.S. military ID cardholders in Europe, to include active duty, civilians and family members 18 years of age or older and out of school. Personnel TDY to USAFE for 30 days or more may participate.

Permissive TDY for active duty members is authorized with local commander's concurrence.

Entry forms must be turned in by May 9. To receive a form, call 480-7623 or 496-7934.

Youth baseball

Registration for the Rhein-Main Youth baseball/softball season runs through April 15.

Children must be at least 5 years old on or before April 23, 2005

to compete and must have a current sports physical to register.

Cost is \$30 for 5-9 year old youth center members and \$40 for non-members; \$45 for 10-15 year old youth center members and \$55 for non-members. The season begins April 23 and ends between June 4 and 18 depending on the age bracket. Coaches are needed.

For more information, call the youth center at 330-7125.

Bowling tourney results

Thirty-nine members of the Young American Bowling Alliance Rhein-Main Rockets participated in a season-ending tournament Saturday at the Rocket Bowling Lanes.

The winners were:

Grades 9-12

1st place – Robert Bevard III - \$200 scholarship award

Grades 6-8

1st place – Jonathan Kirk - \$200 scholarship award

Grades 4-5

1st place – James Daniel Kirk - \$200 scholarship award

Division End of Year winners: Stephanie Hathaway (Div. 1) - \$200 scholarship award; Jonathan Kirk (Div. 2) - \$200 scholarship award; Edgar Beckford (Div. 3) - \$200 scholarship award and Codey Eskierka (Div. 4) - bowling ball with bag.

The overall winner in the girls division was Rachel Rodriguez - \$50 scholarship award, while Codey Eskierka won the overall boys division - \$50 scholarship award.

The scholarship awards were made possible by a monetary contribution from the Rhein-Main Community Spouses Club.

Walking tour

The famous FSC walking tour of Frankfurt begins again from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The tour covers the use of public transportation and a brief history of Frankfurt. Participants should wear civilian clothes and walking shoes and it's recommended to bring at least 25 euros.

Call 330-7992 to sign up.

New hours

The Rhein-Main Base Exchange will begin new hours of operation April 11.

New hours will be: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday - Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. The shoppette in Gateway Gardens will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday - Friday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Spangdahlem trip

The FSC sponsors a tour of Spangdahlem Air Base from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 15 for those PCSing there.

There will be a tour of the base, orientation briefings and a look at a few housing units. If there's time after lunch at the officers club the group will stop at the base's spring bazaar.

The FSC will reimburse for child care for those who require it at a rate of \$3 per hour for one child or a maximum of \$5 for a family.

Chapel schedule

The following worship opportunities are offered by the Rhein-Main Chapel:

■ Catholic worship:

Sunday Mass – 9 a.m. every Sunday.

Chapel fellowship – 10 a.m.

CCD – 10:30 a.m.

■ Protestant worship:

Sunday School – 9 a.m.

Chapel fellowship – 10 a.m.

Worship and Kids Own Church take place every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.



Call 699-7913 to sign up.

Poland trip

The 64th Replacement Company sponsors a shopping trip to Boleslawiec, Poland, from 10 p.m. April 15 to the early morning hours of April 17.

The cost of the trip is 40 euro per seat. Reservations and payment should be made no later than April 12.

For more information call Sgt. 1st Class Mary Walker.

Verdun trip

The FSC sponsors a free trip to Verdun, France, April 16.

Verdun, a World War I battlefield, was the site of the greatest and most lengthy battle in world history.

The FSC requires a 20 euro refundable deposit to reserve a seat on the bus. The bus leaves the parking lot of Bldg. 347 at 7 a.m. and the shoppette parking lot at 7:45 a.m. and is scheduled to return at 9 p.m.

For more information, call 330-7992.

Kids on the move

The FSC will conduct Kids on the Move April 18 - 22 at Halvorsen-Tunner American School.

This program was created to help students prepare for relocation and base closure. A "move pack" will provide resources children and their parents can use together to prepare for transition.

Babysitting class

A Red Cross-certified babysitting class is set for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 23 at Our House.

Students must be 12 years of age or older and will learn CPR and other lifesaving techniques. The \$25 class fee will be paid for by the Rhein-Main Community Spouses Club and family support center. Lunch will be provided.

Call 330-7992 to sign up.

Spring carnival

The Halvorsen-Tunner Parent, Teacher, Student Association sponsors the school's final Spring Carnival from 5 - 8 p.m. April 29.

Movies at Rhein-Main

Tonight - "Assault on Precinct 13," (R), 7 p.m.

Saturday - "The Wedding Date," (PG-13) 5 p.m. and "The Pacifier," (PG) 7:30 p.m.

Sunday - "Phantom of the Opera," (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Wednesday - "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

April 15 - "Are We There Yet?," (PG), 7 p.m.

April 16 - "Robots," (PG), 5 p.m., and "Boogeyman," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

April 17 - "Pooh's Heffalump Movie," (G), 7 p.m.

April 20 - "Beauty Shop," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp

Donations are needed.

For more details, e-mail school.officer@rheinmain.af.mil.

Base-wide yard sale

Get your junk and treasures together for the Rhein-Main Community Spouses Club base-wide yard sale set for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 30 – rain or shine. The club is also planning to set up a car sale lot for anyone who wants to get rid of their "hoopy."

Summer hire

Applications are currently available for the Rhein-Main Summer Hire Program.

This program is open to all dependents of active duty military or federal civilian employees at Rhein-Main on official orders. Eligible students must be 14 - 22 years old. The program runs June 27 to Aug. 5.

Applications are available at the FSC and are due back to the FSC by close-of-business May 4.

For more information, call 330-7992.



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(Left) Berlin Thunder running back Eric McCoo stiff arms Frankfurt Galaxy cornerback Ricky Sharpe during a 2004 National Football League Europe League game. (Above) Frankfurt quarterback J.T. O'Sullivan looks for an open receiver during the World Bowl XII.

Are you ready for some football?



Day Trippin'

Spring is in the air in Germany. The days are getting longer, the grass greener and the sky bluer.

Perfect football weather. *Huh?*

Although many Americans may not be accustomed to "Spring" football, the hard-hitting action of the six-team National Football League Europe League kicked off Saturday with two games in Germany and one in Holland.

One of the most successful teams in the league's 14-year history has been the Frankfurt Galaxy, based at the Waldstadion only minutes from Rhein-Main. The Galaxy opened play this season by falling to the Berlin Thunder 30-7, the same team that defeated Frankfurt 30-24 in World Bowl XII, the league's version of the Super Bowl last June.

Frankfurt plays five home games this season at the Waldstadion. The first home game is set for 7 p.m. Saturday night vs. the Amsterdam Admirals.

For football purists who might think the league is a second-rate show – think again.

Each year NFL teams allocate a minimum of six players from their rosters to play in the NFLEL. Past stars include

two-time NFL most valuable player Kurt Warner and Carolina Panthers' quarterback Jake Delhomme.

Starting at quarterback for Frankfurt this season, is former Cincinnati Bengals signal caller Akili Smith, the third overall pick in the 1999 NFL draft.

The team will also have an international feel, with players from Germany, Russia, Great Britain, Turkey and Finland filling out the roster.

Frankfurt hopes to return to its winning ways, as the team captured the World Bowl crown in 1995, 1998 and 2003.

Long-time fans will find attending Galaxy games a somewhat new experience as major renovations to the Waldstadion have been completed since last season. The stadium is being enlarged to support the 2006 World Cup hosted by Germany.

Discounted tickets (\$10) for the April 23 home game vs. the Hamburg Sea Devils are available at the USO offices in the Air Mobility Command Passenger Terminal in Bldg. 400 and in the Hainerberg Shopping Center in Wiesbaden.

For more information, call the USO at 330-6424. *(Staff report)*

If you go...



The best means of transportation to the game is the Frankfurt city bus service. Walk out the back gate of Gateway Gardens housing and follow the trail to the bus stop on the nearest side of the autobahn. The next stop on the bus route is the Waldstadion.



All home games begin at 7 p.m. at the Waldstadion.



Admission ranges from \$10 for discounted tickets from the USO office to several tiers available from the Waldstadion box office. Seat prices include 10, 16, 18, 20 and 23 euro.



For more information log onto www.frankfurt-galaxy.de and click on the English link.